

REMARKS

Claims 14, 16, 18-20, 22-35, and 49 are allowed. Claims 37-46 and 50 are rejected. Claims 37-46, 50 and 51 have been canceled. Claims 14, 16, 18-20, 22-35, and 49 are presently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 14, 16, 18-20, 22-35 and 49 are allowed.

Rejection of Claims 37-46 and 50-51 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e):

The Examiner indicates that the rejection of claims 37-46 and 50-51 under Fisher is maintained, as Fisher clearly teaches PEBAX intercalated clay and any type of molded article such as extruded article, and the instantly recited "comprising" permits the presence of other polymer such as a compatible polymer such as polyamide, the instant extruded base is an obvious modification of said extruded article of Fisher, the recited article claims do not add any further limitation absent a particular structure and "an extruded base" is claimed.

Claims 37-46 and 50-51 have been canceled. Therefore, it is believed that the foregoing is a complete response to the Office Action and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early allowance to obviate the appeal.

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